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# THE OCTOFOIL

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## DETROIT TO HONOR GALLANT DEAD

### Chicago Artillery Is Banging Away



Four hard-working Chicago gals are pictured above. Association members and their wives who visit Chicago in July will get to know these girls much better, so they might as well be introduced now. Left to right: Doris Lundbom, Grace Connley, Celia Waples, and Georgiana Winkleman.

### McCALL WANTS MORE DATA ABOUT THE GREAT "MOLOTOFF"

M. D. McCall, 4312 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo., addressed a letter to Secretary Tingley recently in which he asked that any of the old gang who had any data available relative to Pvt. Karl Warner's experiences while with the Ninth, that he would appreciate the facts being sent to him.

The March, 1947, issue of Octofoil printed a lengthy article taken from the Stars and Stripes that gave a good resume of "Molotov" and his experiences as a soldier. Quite a demand was made on the Association for that issue of The Octofoil and only one copy remains for the files. However, efforts will be made to reprint the story in its entirety for the next issue of The Octofoil.

McCall's letter reads as follows: I am writing you to ask your assistance in obtaining information for an article I am working on for publication. As a former Ninth Division man and a member of the Ninth Division Association, I am anxious to promote recognition

of the Division and the men who were its former members.

At present I need information about Pvt. Karl Warner, better known as "Molotov," who was a K.I.A. in North Africa. I feel sure that many former 60th men have information that could be used to round out his story of action in North Africa. I need stories of his exploits while in combat and behind the lines on "unofficial leave." Also, any information about the action leading up to his death.

Perhaps you could find space for an article in The Octofoil asking former Ninth Division men to send me their version of "Molotov's" legendary actions. If so, I would be very grateful. Also, if you have any information in your files on Pvt. Warner I would appreciate your sending it on to me.

Thank you for your efforts and keep up the good work of the Association and The Octofoil. — Signed: M. D. McCall, 4312 Oak St., Kansas City, Mo.

### A Few New Members Are Signed Up

Through the Connecticut Chapter: John A. Iovieno, 341 Poplar St., New Haven, Conn. (Former Co. G, 39th man.)

Sponsored by New England Chapter: Richard F. Butler, 3 Walton St., Dorchester, Mass.

Sponsored by New York Chapter: Emil P. Langer, 2627 92nd St., Jackson Heights, L. I., N. Y. (Former Corporal, Co. A, 47th.)

No Sponsor Denoted: Donald E. Thornton, 15 McClellan St., Amherst, Mass. (Former Pfc., Co. C, 60th Inf.)

CHICAGO IN 1950

Don't kiss a homely maid—she will brag about it.

### MRS. ALCORN WRITES FOR THE CAPTAIN

Mrs. Charles Alcorn, 205 5th Ave., Brooklawn, N. J., sent in Capt. Charles B. Alcorn's 1950 dues, and stated that she and the Captain had fond hopes of renewing old friends and acquaintances in the Detroit area before the summer months have passed.

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

### Board Minutes In Next Issue

This issue of The Octofoil was going to press just a few hours previous to the National Board of Governors scheduled meeting. Transcripts of the Board's meeting will be published in the next issue.

### Ben Becker Dies After Brief Illness

On March 27 the Staten Island (N. Y.) Advance printed the following sad notice:

Ben J. Becker, 36, of 83 Dongan Ave., Castleton Corners, Staten Island, N. Y., died in Beth Israel Hospital, Manhattan, following a short illness.

A native of Brooklyn, Mr. Becker had lived on the Island since boyhood. He served with the 9th Infantry Division during the last war.

CHICAGO IN 1950

### MRS. BRIGGS IS PINCH HITTING FOR HER HUBBY

Mrs. Sarah M. Briggs, the fine helpmate of Harry Briggs, 350 Linden Ave., East Aurora, N. Y., addressed the following very welcome letter to The Octofoil:

"Harry has been exceptionally busy lately and I'm taking the liberty of making up his dues. We both enjoy The Octofoil and do not care to miss any issues. However, we would like to see more news from Bty. C, 26th FA men. I'll never forget that address.

"We missed the Philly convention because Harry Thomas, Jr., was born July 22, 1948. We now have Linda, 5½ years old, and Tommy, 18 months old. This year we hope to make the Chicago convention.

WHERE IS JOHN BARNETTE?

"Harry has written to John Barnette twice. Once to Durham, N. C., and once to Knoxville, Tenn. The letters were returned unclaimed. But John's letters and Christmas cards reached us in Ardmore, Pa., but had no return address. If he reads this we hope he will write and give his present address.

"Thanks again for a wonderful magazine, and we both would enjoy hearing from any of Harry's old friends."

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

### Memorial Fund Is Lagging

Secretary Tingley has decided that his duties with the Combat Unit organization was taking up too much of his time that should be devoted exclusively to the 9th Infantry Division Association. Having decided to devote his entire time to the Ninth boys, he is a little bit disappointed in the response being displayed toward the Memorial Fund insofar as contributions are concerned, as well as the number of potential scholarship names that should be sent in at a much more rapid rate than is the case.

### 60TH HISTORIES ARE MILDEWING

A few copies of the 60th Infantry History are gathering mildew down in Secretary Tingley's office in Washington.

The Board of Governors decided to let the members get copies of this beautifully printed little booklet for the postage and packing charges. Why not take advantage of the offer?

Send two bits to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., today and have him forward a copy of this neat little booklet.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Everybody learns from experience. No guy ever wakes up his second baby just to see it smile.

### MARINERS' CHURCH OF DETROIT, WILL BE SCENE OF IMPRESSIVE MEMORIAL SERVICES ON JUNE 11, 1950

D PLUS 5, JUNE 11, 1944, WILL BE COMMEMORATED AT D PLUS 5, ON JUNE 11, 1950, IN MEMORY OF THOUSANDS OF 9TH MEN WHO NEVER RETURNED.

The Octofoil is in receipt of a letter from Harold G. Perry, 2453 Twenty-second St., Wyandotte, Mich., president of the Greater Detroit Chapter, that proves conclusively that these Detroit lads are definitely "on the ball" and the arrangements being made with the Mariners' Church of Detroit, should be a shining example for other Chapters. Parts of Hal's letter reads as follows:

I am presently proofreading the Souvenir Program for Saturday, April 15's event—our annual reunion. Our program carries an item about a memorial church service which we have planned for D plus 5, June 11, 1950, commemorating D plus 5, June 11, 1944. It is to be held at historic Old Mariners' Church, Woodward at Woodbridge at 11 a. m.

With a military history, observed its centennial celebration in 1949. This proposed service will be in honor of our fallen comrades in the Ninth Division.

Perry forwarded to The Octofoil a 14-page booklet outlining the historical and honorable background of the famous church.

A reproduction of an article printed in The Detroit Daily Advertiser on December 22, 1849, explains in detail the sacrifices and hard labor necessary to get the church started.

### IN MEMORY OF AN ARMY MAN

Colonel John Anderson, in whose memory the Church was built, graduated from the U. S. Military Academy at West Point in 1807, and in the biographical register, he ranks as graduate No. 8. Assigned to the Artillery, he was soon ordered to Detroit, where his name is found in an old account book among the entries of June, 1809. He was in Detroit in the summer of 1812, commanding a battery erected for the defense of Detroit.

### GETS TO BE A REGULAR

On July 6, while thus actively engaged he was recommissioned as a lieutenant of infantry.

The surrender of Detroit by General Hull made him a prisoner of war. He was released in time to serve in the Army of General Izard in the campaign of 1814 on the New York frontier.

In peacetime he devoted his skill to constructive works, and for a good many years Col. Anderson was engaged in making lake and coastal surveys, exploring the western country, and in constructing roads and canals.

### HONOR MERCHANT MARINE

The Psalm used at the 1949 centennial services is used annually on Memorial Day at Mariners' Church. This is in connection with the ceremony of casting flowers on the waters in memory of the dead of the Merchant Marine, many of whom gave their lives in the service of our country transporting men and equipment overseas.

The Merchant Marine Veterans Association for two years held its meetings in Mariners' Church. It

was organized in 1946 to further good fellowship among men who served in the U. S. Merchant Marine during World Wars I and II when it was learned they were ineligible to join other veteran organizations.

The following poem in honor of the Mariners' Church, by Dorothy B. Martin, is worthy of THE CENTENNIAL OF THE MARINERS' CHURCH

Full many an old-time mansion  
Has crumbled like the sands,  
But deep in the heart of the city  
The Mariners' Church still stands.

Its time-marked walls have witnessed  
The dignity of tears,  
Of reverence and worship  
Through a century of years.

Men came from far-flung corners,  
From the ships that plied the  
Lakes  
And sailed the winding river  
With white foam in their wakes.

In gratitude for voyage  
That brought them safe return,  
They knelt by lighted candles  
That on the altar burn.

The full-rigged ships no longer  
Whiten the inland seas;  
The wind and wave know only  
The silent ghost of these.

Yet still the church stands sturdy  
Against the threat of time,  
And still the old pipe organ  
Pours out its crystal chime.

A haven for the weary,  
The hungry and the poor—  
The light that burned a hundred  
years

Still guides them to her door.

### LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Rev. G. Paul Musselman, present-day Rector of the Mariners' Church has written the following nice letter to the president of Detroit's Chapter. It reads in full as follows:

Mr. Hal Perry,  
2453 Twenty-second St.,  
Wyandotte, Mich.

Dear Hal:

By happy coincidence, perhaps by the plan of God, we already have a service scheduled for that Sunday (June 11th) at which the Huguenot Society will have about fifty of their members present for their annual day of remembrance.

Inasmuch as that particular Sunday commemorates the landing of the various units on Utah Beach, Normandy, I think it would be absolutely "super" to have this as well as a memorial service for

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## That Old Bandolier Was a Nuisance Sometimes... But It Paid Dividends

Private McCollum, author of "History and Rhymes of the Lost Battalion," experienced the same temptation many Ninth men did when thoughts of getting rid of some excess poundage being lugged around and thoughts turned to that old Bandolier

Private McCollum's reaction to those infernal flares will also bring back memories to former Ninth men.

### THE FLARE!

You know electric lights,  
In cities grand and fair,  
Have never felt the fear of night,  
Unless you've seen the Flare!

You're all secure altho obscure,  
And will never know the fright,  
That can be brought upon you,  
By the Flare when it's a-light.

Your heart is all a-jump  
And your nerves are all a-chill,  
When you start to go a-raidin'  
On a night that's dark and still.

You dare not make a whisper,  
And you dare not make a sound,  
As you go a-sneakin', creepin',  
O'er the cold wet ground.

Crawling o'er the gutted earth,  
In "No Man's Land" o'er there,  
The thing you're most a-fear'd of,  
Is Jerries' blue-white Flare!

For when he shoots the star-shells,  
Into the dark drear night,  
You're a mark for sniper's shoot-  
ing,  
And you're filled with fear and  
fright.

But just you lay stock-still,  
As tho you're almost dead,  
And he's apt to pass you up,  
For some limb or tree instead.

Then you'll see him start  
a-shootin',  
Rockets green and red,  
They're his artillery signals,  
For his guns which must be fed.

You break into a cold wet sweat,  
As you cut your way thru wire,  
You want to even up a score,  
And your heart is all a-fire.

So thru the night that's sometimes  
dim,  
And sometime lit by flare,  
You crawl and creep as thru an  
age,  
An' softly swear and swear!

And just as dawn is breaking,  
In a fever tinted light,  
You slowly come a-creepin' in,  
With two you got that night.

You're bewildered and bemuddled,  
To know that you learned out  
there,  
That the thing that put fear into  
you,  
Was the light of a blue-white  
Flare.

### THE BANDOLIER

Perhaps in the mud you've seen  
me laying,  
Or perhaps in the Q. M. den;  
But still and all I'm one of you,  
No matter where or when.

I fill a want that is a need,  
As across your shoulder I'm  
slung,  
And done my bit as well perhaps,  
As some highly touted gun.

Just a bit of woven cloth.  
Thrown slightly about,  
But when in the midst of a tough  
hot fight,  
Pray tell, for whom did you  
shout?

I'm the one for whom you cried,  
And gladly did I respond,  
I knew your hour of need would  
come,  
That's why I was easily found.

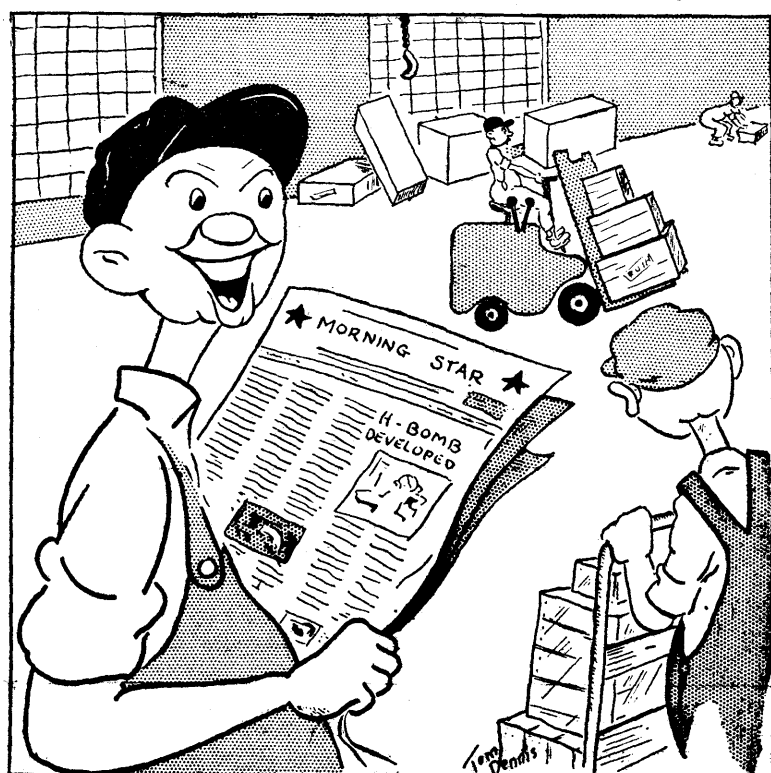
I flung myself around your neck,  
When you started in the fight,  
Stop a moment and reflect,  
You'll see where I was right.

Just a lowly bit of patch cloth,  
Humble carrier of the shell,  
I served my purpose just as true,  
As you who did so well.

So if again some day we meet,  
Don't start and cuss and jeer,  
Just remember I'm your "right  
hand-bower,"  
Your humble bandolier.

## Worse Than H Bomb

—By Dennis



"The Morning Star says here that the 'H' Bomb could destroy Russia's Communist world in one day. The Star should have added that was almost as quick as the Ninth Infantry Division could do the job."

## PILL ROLLERS HAVE THEIR OWN REUNION ON STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Ray Ledwith, former Co. A, 9th Medic, whose picture was published in a recent issue of The Octofoil swears the picture was made on Staten Island and those trees on his mother's lot and he can prove it. Ray sends kindest regards to all former Ninth men and advises he's sending in his application for membership in the Association. Ray asks that all former Co. A, 9th Medics drop him a few lines to 62 Montgomery Ave., Staten Island, N. Y.

In a letter of recent date to Wilton M. Taylor, care Beldridge on Co., Beldridge, Calif. Ledwith advises that he and some other former 9th Medic buddies had a little private reunion of their own. On March 18 Joseph Kash, Philadelphia, Pa., former Co. C, 9th Medic, visited Ledwith, and it is the first time have seen each other since 1945. Kash brought along Mrs. Kash. Olaf Engelsen, 421 Senator St., Brooklyn, N. Y., another 9th Medic, was at the Reunion. Kash's address in Philadelphia is 808 Willard St. Engelsen is also planning to join the Association very soon.

The Octofoil inadvertently stated that Taylor located Ledwith through the columns of the directory being printed, but Taylor used his little black book that entries were made in while the 47th was in Sicily, and the letter was forwarded to Ledwith's new address. Taylor points out how important it is for members to send in their address list of old buddies to The Octofoil and eventually we'll trace 'em all down. Here's two new members-to-be very shortly. Taylor has mailed out approximately 30 Christmas issues of The Octofoil and all of the recipients have expressed gratitude.

AN APPEAL

Taylor's letter closes thusly:

"Dig out those addresses, send them to The Octofoil. Write and send Octofoils to those buddies. Many do not know of the Association. Help make The Octofoil a bigger and better paper. Send in old photos. Some lonely buddy will be glad to see your pictures in The Octofoil."

## LARGE JOINT MANEUVER SLATED TO TEST AIRLIFT TECHNIQUE

A United Press story appearing in a recent issue of The Bakersfield (Calif.) Californian brings back memories to the boys who were with the Ninth during Fort Bragg days. Parts of the story reads as follows:

The large joint maneuver "Swarm" in North Carolina will point up the increasing emphasis which top army and air force strategists have placed on airborne warfare.

The mock war game will involve 60,000 fighting men from all three services and 700 planes.

It was designed to test whether U. S. military forces are ready to carry out a sustained attack from the air.

All attack troops, munitions, equipment and supplies will be airborne. Some troops will parachute in; others will be flown in.

AIR BASE TARGET

The airborne attack force will have the mission of capturing the Camp Mackall airstrip, 58 miles from Fort Bragg, and using it as a base from which to capture Pope Air Base at Fort Bragg.

General J. Lawton Collins, army chief of staff, said he expects important lessons to be learned from "Swarm."

Attack force plans call for fly-

ing in 32,000 troops and 22,000 tons of equipment.

### OTHER NOTES

Wilton M. Taylor, McKittrick, Calif., forwarded the above news clippings, enclosing at the same time a photograph of Sgt. Dick KinKennon's youngsters, as well as several Austrian kiddies who are playmates of the KinKennon kiddies. The picture will be used in an early issue.

Taylor comments that Bob Winkelman's wife must be an excellent cook, judging from the picture recently printed in The Octofoil. Other former Co. M, 47th men mentioned in the letter included Charlie Reyberger and Donald Case.

Sgt. R. L. Kinkennon's address is RA 3711864, Hq. Co., 2d Bn. 350th Inf., APO 174, care New York postmaster. The Sarge is a bit lonesome to hear from some of the old gang. He plans to re-enlist and hopes to wind up at Fort Ord, Calif., in the near future.

Taylor's letter is concluded with an appeal for former Ninth men to send in their photographs and correct addresses to The Octofoil. It is a sure fire means of contacting many former buddies at one time.

## Sgt. Harold Roate Located In California

Sgt. Harold Roate, is with Hq. and Hq. 1st Air Base Gp., March Field, Calif. He was formerly with Hq. Btry., 9th Div. Arty.

The Sarge recently bought a new automobile and plans to give it a good work out on his trip to Chicago in July.

## Impellizeri Wants to Contact Sid Ginsberg

Casper D. Impellizeri, Box 96, Manville, N. J., has written a letter to The Octofoil asking for his buddies from Co. F, 47th, to send in a post card now and then to the address given. The fellow is particularly anxious to hear from Sidney Ginsberg.

## CLEVELAND BOYS HOLD A GOOD SESSION

By R. D. SCHAEFFER,  
1664 Sunset Ave.,  
Akron 19, Ohio

Sunday, April 16 dawned warm, bright and beautiful in Northern Ohio. After "parking" Junior with Grandma, my better half and I took off for the regular meeting of the Greater Cleveland Chapter at the Lightfoot Brothers VFW Post, on E. 4th St., Cleveland.

President Bill Mauser opened the meeting at 3:30 p. m.

Carl Grizer, program committee chairman, asked the members what type program they would like for meetings. (Sorry, fellows, free steak dinners and burleycue shows are out!) It was decided that the next meeting would be held in a park so the guys and their gals can have a wiener roast or hamburger fry. The boys also decided they would like to see more sport films and the like at our indoor meetings.

### GRILL REPORTS

Johnny Grill, our liaison with the VA, brought us up to date on the latest doings affecting veterans' loans and training.

Following this the talk gravitated (naturally) to women, with more discussion concerning a Ladies' Auxiliary. We're a good bunch of boys but there is very little beauty in a couple dozen hairy chests, bristly chins and bald heads. So, come on you gals—tag along with the old man when he goes to meetings and get that auxiliary going. Men just don't amount to much without the ladies—or weren't you in Africa as long as most of us were?

### NEW FACES

Welcomed a couple of swell boys out to their first meeting—Norm Cooper, formerly Hq. Co., and George Boris, formerly of Service Co., 60th Inf. Frank Copolino, Bill Lekutis and Frank Brant were there as usual.

To top off the festivities, we settled down over a foamy Schlitz to see and hear a couple of fine films. By the way, thanks to Dave Metz of Metz Radio in Akron for loaning us the projector for the show.

That's about it. See you at the next meeting—Sunday, May 21.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Names Being Left Off Mailing List

Quite a few former Ninth Infantry Division men will not receive this issue of The Octofoil. Secretary Tingley advised the editor that "patience had ceased to be a virtue" and he was ordering those Gold Bricks who had failed to pay 1950 dues to be removed from the mailing list.

Those who pay their 1950 dues and ask for a copy of this issue, same will be forwarded if the secretary happens to have any additional copies left. He does have an ample supply of slips if the supply of Octofoils becomes exhausted.

What's eating on you guys—go ahead and send those dues in to Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C.

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## Services In Detroit

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the boys who died from the Ninth Division.

I am enclosing our commemorative booklet which tells something of the history of Old Mariners'. The Church has a military tie-up, because, as you will see, it was built in memory of Colonel John Anderson, who was once an officer in the infantry and artillery, and is known for the fact that he was the first head of the Engineer Corps.

I am sure that the Trustees share with me a tremendous sense of satisfaction that you have chosen to come to our Church.

From another viewpoint, too, I think it is eminently fitting that you should come here, because this is a maritime church, and the particular event you will commemorate is that of a landing from the sea. Taken all in all, I am thrilled with it.

Do let's keep in touch, and tell me what more we can do. You will probably have special features you want in the service, etc.

Faithfully yours,

G. PAUL MUSSELMAN,

Rector.



# EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY...

## MIKE WOYTOVICH VISITS THE E.T.O.

By STANLEY COHEN,  
192 Danforth Ave.,  
Jersey City, N. J.

One of our lads has been touring the E.T.O. and really seeing things. Mike Woytovich, formerly of the 39th Infantry, just returned from England. He recalled with a great air of nostalgia what was happening to old haunts. For instance, the Grapes Inn, the Plow and White Heart Pub are still in good shape. But they do miss "YOU YANKS." Plenty of whiskey is available. So if any ex-G.I.s feel like returning there is no "ques" now. Mike also stopped off at Southampton, Barton Stacey, and talked about some of the sights in Sicily, such towns as Cefelu, and Palermo. As a matter of fact, these towns fitted in with our conversation, as we both were guzzling delicious Vino, supplied by the Wine Growers' Guild, who incidentally, showed a very interesting picture of wine processing. (Plug.)

### HYPNOTIST ON THE SHOW

We were also feted by a very fine hypnotist, one John Spencer. Brother John put on a fine show, and his subjects equally outdid themselves with really fine performances.

### HITS THE BIG LEAGUE

A word from Quinn tells us that Al Papai (former regimental pitcher for the 47th team) is now with the Boston Red Sox. He was playing with the St. Louis Browns before he came to the BoSox.

Freddie (I'll Tell You What I'm Goin' to Do) Golub's daughter, Bonny Gail Golub, is celebrating her third birthday on April 20.

Received a few notes by mail: Ralph H. Lassen (60th) is now conducting a dry cleaning business in Sanford, N. C., City Dry Cleaners, 210-212 Wicker St. Sends his best to all the lads. Incidentally, what happened to North Carolina when they came to New York???

Fred J. Bicking, Jr., is at the Veterans' Hospital in Canandaigua, N. Y., Ward 36-A. How about you fellows who knew Fred sending him a few lines?

### A BIG BOY

N. Androvich (1st Bn., 39th Inf.) is now the proud pop of two very charming children. His latest, a boy, arrived a couple of weeks ago and weighed in at 10 lbs. 2 ozs.

Martin H. Steeil was killed Feb. 17 in a train accident in Rockville Center, Long Island. Mrs. Steeil is now living at 118 Bell Ave., Maywood, N. J., care of Spillone.

With the baseball season here at hand, the New Yorkers are not shunting off to left field. . . . This coming meeting, May 5, 1950—at the Hotel Times Square, at 43rd St. and 8th Ave. . . . You will positively see the World Series from a box seat. . . . Make a date. Don't be late!

### PLENTY COOKING

There is plenty cooking at New York—and sometimes we get cooking ourselves. There are about 360 men who have not as yet paid their dues. . . . If you are one of them, how about dropping us a line with those back dues?

This deserves a mention . . . Brother Getzy Schiff really did it. He actually got Wally Wolfson to sign up for another year. But Brother Wally took it like a major.

Men . . . New York really has a fine program lined up. Drop down and take advantage. . . . It's your organization, so let's see you May 5th.

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

## DAVE LILLY TRYING TO LOCATE PALS

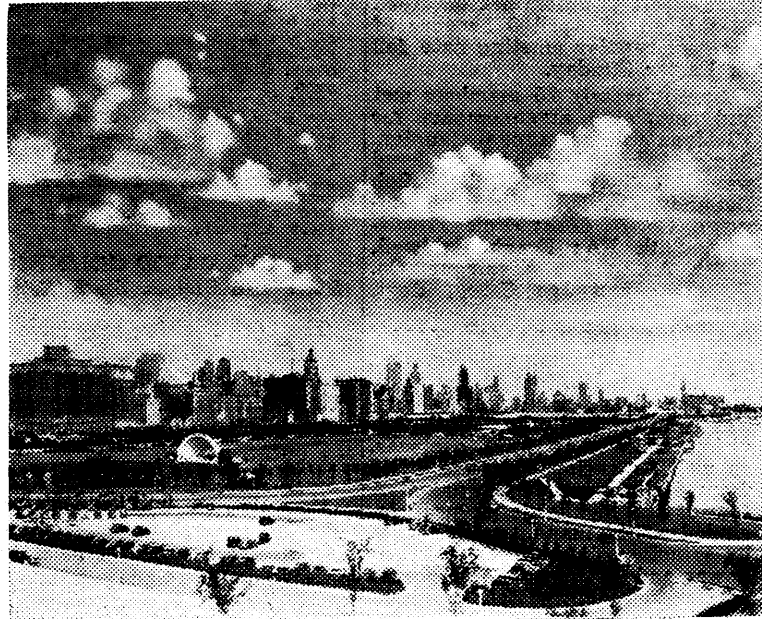
David Lilly, 122 Hampshire St., Cambridge, Mass., is desirous of securing the proper address of the following former Ninth men:

Chester Wofsy, Paul Cohen, and Richard E. Santimo, all former Co. F, 47th men. Dave also wants to know where Lt. Michael Marchese, Co. G, 47th, is located at this time.

CHICAGO IN 1950

The average woman isn't much interested in what her husband is saying, unless he happens to be saying it to a strange woman.

## It'll Soon Be Play Time In Chicago



Through the cooperation of Walt Mahon The Octofoil was able to secure another outstanding view of Chicago's Lake Front Section, in order that the members may get some idea as to what kind of scenery is in store for visitors attending the Chicago Convention in July. In the above picture will be noted Chicago's Lake Front, showing "The Loop," the Near North Side Skyline and Grant Park.

## SGT. IRA WILSON PLANS TO START ANOTHER HITCH WITH UNCLE

The address now is Sgt. 1st Cl. Ira C. Wilson, 6930 Serv. Det., Medical Supply, Letterman Gen. Hosp., San Francisco, Calif.

Sgt. Wilson is a former Co. I, 60th man. Only recently he received his Bronze Star Medal, which was dated 24 May 1944, General Orders No. 3, 9th Infantry Div. Headquarters.

Sgt. Wilson first became attached to the Ninth on Oct. 8, 1940, at Fort Bragg. He remained with Co. I, 60th Combat Team, until a Kraut bullet pegged him in Tunisia on 24 March 1943. The lad was back with the old outfit slugging it out in about a month, and there he remained until 25 July 1944, when, at St. Lo, another Kraut got his number and again he was hospitalized in England, and in November, 1944, was sent stateside.

The Sarge was given a medical discharge, 100 per cent disabled. But after a lapse of some time he was able to get back into the armed services under Section 16. He has just completed a three-year hitch and plans to sign up for six more years.

Sgt. Wilson wants his old buddies to know that the reason he didn't re-enlist with an Infantry outfit, preferably the Ninth, is because of his disability.

## REMEMBER THE SQUARE DANCE ABOARD SHIP?

Wilton Taylor, care Belridge Oil Co., McKittrick, Calif., is anxious to learn whether Enoch Gnudski, Warren Pa., former Co. E or G of the 47th, returned to the states safely. Taylor vividly remembers Enoch calling for a square dance on the USS Mexico while the outfit was enroute to Sicily from Africa. Enoch had a technique all his own, whistling between calls.

### YOUNG SARGE

Taylor mentions the text in "8 Stars to Victory" that noted 1st Sgt. Cooley, Co. A, 9th Medics, was the youngest Top Kick in the entire U. S. Army while the outfit was at Bragg. Sgt. Cooley was 19 at that time.

### MORE BOOKS RECOMMENDED

A book Taylor thinks all former 9th men would enjoy reading is called "Invasion," by Charles Christian Wertenbaker, war correspondent for Time and Life. He gives details of the Ninth's invasion of Normandy. Mention is made of Col. James Johnston, 2nd Bn., 47th, and also former Commander of Co. M, 47th. Others mentioned are Lt. Col. Mike Kauffman, 60th; Lt. Col. Dean T. Vanderhoef, 47th; Pvt. Al Delk, 47th; Maj. Woodrow Wilson Beriley, 47th. And naturally the book couldn't be factual without mention of Col. Paddy Flint's heroic deeds with the 39th. Lt. Gen. Collins and Lt. Gen. Manton Eddy are referred to frequently in the book, as well as many other former Ninth men. Any former 9th men who were around Cherbourg will certainly enjoy reading the book. Publishers are D. Appleton-Century Co., New York City. The price is \$2.50 per copy.

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The reason there were fewer wrecks in the horse-and-buggy days is that the driver didn't depend entirely on his own intelligence.

## Harold Raber Contacts Mrs. Claude Carter

The Octofoil feels most grateful to Harold C. Raber, 611 Ave. G, Port Allen, La.

In the March, 1950 issue of The Octofoil a notice was published on Page 1 asking if any old buddies of Pfc. Claude Carter could give Mrs. Claude C. Carter, Route 1, Lawrenceville, Ga., any information concerning Claude's death in Germany on April 17, 1945, to please do so at once.

Displaying the true Ninth Division spirit, Harold wrote Mrs. Carter, outlining the facts that he knew, just as quickly as he could after reading her appeal.

Again, The Octofoil wants to thank Harold Raber. Kind acts on the part of the members is the essence of the Ninth Infantry Division Association's success—the little things are what count. No other ex-G. I. group any place can compare to the Ninth Infantry Division Association and it is members like Harold Raber who have established this enviable reputation for the Association.

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## JOE VIGILANTE NOW A MEMBER

Joe Vigilante writes from the Lauderdale Beach Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Joe is a recent member of the Association. He says when he got his copy of "8 Stars to Victory" he just took about six hours' time out and read to his heart's content.

He also read some back issues of The Octofoil and located many old buddies' addresses. He hopes to receive letters from them after proper contacts are made.

The lad says it's okay to pass on to the New York Chapter members the fact that he'll be coming to their meetings when he gets back up North.

Vigilante is going to make a good member, just like he made a good soldier. He says: "I am certainly anxious to see the Association continue the good job it is doing. Whenever I come across a former Ninth man I will give him a sales talk if he is not a member already."

## HOTEL SHERMAN WILL HOUSE NINTH DIVISION ASSOCIATION DURING THE JULY CONVENTION

SEND RESERVATIONS DIRECT TO HOTEL AND MENTION NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION . . . HEAD-QUARTERS HOTEL IS A "DREAM WORLD."

Reading over the pamphlets forwarded to The Octofoil by the Hotel Sherman, Chicago, it is easy to visualize the Ninth Infantry Division Association holding the most outstanding convention held by the Association since it was organized. Those who drive will be able to drive their cars directly into the hotel's garage, not worrying about entering the hotel with traveling clothing on. The hotel is being completely refinished and will be the latest word in comfort and beauty when the former Ninth boys move in. Just a few of the highlights mentioned in advance information are reprinted below:

The second step in the redecoration and refurbishing of all guest rooms of the Hotel Sherman is now in progress under the direction of Robert Lederer, noted Viennese architect. The entire \$1,000,000 project is known as "Operation Hormone."

The first step in redecorating the hotel was recently completed with the refurbishing of the new College Inn, the Well of the Sea, the new Celtic Cafe, the new Coffee Shop and the embellishment of the spacious Grand Ballroom.

Guest room decorations will be of the most modern motif.

Window drapes will extend into fabric walls in gay, bright colors, with some patterns by famed Dorothy Liebes.

Twin beds will be arranged end to end or located at right angles to each other with bookcase headboards separating them to afford privacy.

The opening of the new Well of the Sea seafood room in the Sherman last December 29 was one of the answers to Chicago's "where to dine."

The Well of the Sea is a marine world of make-believe, featuring its ceiling of hand-painted wall of sea life offering a transparent glow suggestive of water. This bluish glow forms the background for abstract shapes, like animals and plants of the deep sea. A simulated "ghost ship" with a hull that has been weathered away leaving only lighted lucite ribs exposed, also adds to the warm and inviting atmosphere of the room.

Following are quoted rates from the Hotel Sherman:

the Hotel

# GUEST RATES HOTEL SHERMAN (1450 Rooms)

Randolph and Clark Streets  
Chicago, Illinois

## Single Rooms \$4.50, \$4.95, \$5.95, \$6.95, \$7.45, \$8.45

## Double Bedroom for Two Persons \$7.00, \$7.45, \$8.45, \$9.45, \$9.95, \$10.95

## Twin Bedded Rooms \$8.45, \$9.45, \$9.95, \$10.95, \$11.95

## Alcoves (Sitting Room-Bedroom Combination) \$11.95, \$12.95, \$13.95

## Parlor Alcove (With Twin Beds and Connecting Twin Bedroom) \$21.90

## Parlor and 1 Twin Bedroom \$11.95, \$14.95, \$16.95, \$20.95

## Parlor and 2 Twin Bedrooms \$28.90

## Governors Suite .....\$39.95 2 Rooms, Connecting Bath Between For 2 Persons.....\$ 9.00 \$ 9.90 For 3 Persons..... 11.50 12.40 For 4 Persons..... 14.00 14.90

## Rooms for 3 Persons (Double and Single Beds) \$10.95, \$11.45, \$12.45, \$13.45

## Rooms for 4 Persons (Two Double Beds) \$12.45, \$12.95, \$13.95, \$14.95

### 1,000 THINGS TO SEE AND DO

The Sherman Hotel claims there are 1,000 things to see and do under the Sherman's one roof. A few of the attractions mentioned include the exotic Panther Room and Bamboo Room of the College

## JOE KELLY NEEDS HELP FROM SOME OLD BUDDIES

Joseph L. Kelly, 105 Pleasant St., Watertown, Mass., is in desperate need of affidavits from former buddies who were with him at the time he was wounded and who knew of his condition when he returned from the hospital in early '45 or late '44. Joe was with Serv. Co., 60th Infantry.

The lad can't prosecute his claim for disability benefits unless the affidavits are forthcoming.

Joe has a wife and young daughter and is having a difficult time getting by on a lousy 85-cent an hour wage scale.

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## BOB KLEINER HAS A NEW ADDRESS

Robert H. Kleiner gets his mail at Glendale, Mass., Box 35 now. Bob has recently moved into his own home in the Bay State town. He would like to get a few letters from his old buddies and says that he will answer them pronto.

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## James Bankston and Ole Man River Just Keep Rolling Along

James Bankston gets his mail at General Delivery, Prairie, Mississippi.

"Shamus" recently enrolled in school down in the Delta Country and sent in his 1950 dues with the expectation of getting his copy of The Octofoil each month.

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## Austin Pitcher Lives In Oregon

Austin M. Pitcher writes from Culp Creek, Oregon, in which he placed an order for a copy of the 60th History, one of the maps that Secretary Tingley has for sale—and an additional amount with the request that he be recorded as a Sustaining Member.

Inn . . . great swing masters . . . flaming sword dinners . . .

The Celtic Cafe, beautiful oak-paneled room . . . breakfast, luncheon and dinner . . . Celtic Bar—world-renowned.

New Coffee Shop . . . famous Sherman chefs . . . good food.

Grand ballroom . . . scene of brilliant affairs . . . banquets . . . dances . . . Hotel Sherman is always the center of activity.

Famous Exhibition Hall . . . where conventions, exhibits, are always on the calendar . . . the hotel of great events.

The Hotel Sherman is rightfully renowned as the most interesting hotel in America. The Sherman has seven great restaurants for fine eating, same chefs, same prime ingredients in all . . . appetite adventures at all prices . . . from modest luncheons to regal dinners . . . flaming sword dinners in the College Inn . . . to the music of the great swing masters. . . . Odd Hour Fountain Luncheonette . . . which is a race track counter for instant service . . . Vitamins for health and beauty—good food, superb sauces and seasonings. . . . History's Greatest Parade of Swing Kings . . . the tops in floor shows . . . music and dancing.

A week-end at the Sherman is really "out of this world" in itself, and this coupled with a reunion old foxhole playmates is really something to look forward to.

## SECRETARY TINGLEY KEEPS BUSY MAKING ADDRESS CHANGES

The following names comprise new addresses furnished Secretary Charles O. Tingley's office since the last issue of The Octofoil was published.

To be sure of continuous delivery of The Octofoil and other information being sent out from Secretary Tingley's office, it is absolutely necessary for members to advise the secretary immediately upon moving to a new address. Secretary Tingley's Washington, D. C. Postoffice Box Number is 1704.

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John A. Kay, 443 Harmon Pl., N. E., Massillon, Ohio. (T-5 9th Recon.)

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Sfc. Ira C. Wilson, 6930 Serv. Det., Med. Supply, Letterman Gen. Hosp., San Francisco, Calif. (T-Sgt. Co. I, 60th Inf.)

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Philip E. Patrie, Box 98, Wynantskill, N. Y. (Pfc. 47th.)

## Detroit Lads See Fine Movie Shots

Harold G. Perry, 2453 22nd St., Wyandotte, Mich., president of the Greater Detroit (Mich.) Chapter, advises The Octofoil that the Detroit Chapter met on April 12 instead of April 9 because of the fact regular meeting date fell on Easter Sunday.

Approximately 25 members met and completed arrangements for Michican's third annual reunion. Some of the old faithfuls on hand were Bill Phelps, Co. H, 60th; Bob DeSandy, Co. F, 47th; Paul Senyszyn, Co. A, 60th; Ernie Tretheway, 26th FA; Frank Caldwell, 376th AAA; Jim Kinzinger, Co. D, 47th; and Joe Casey, Regt. Hqtrs., 60th.

**QUINN A GOOD SAMARITAN**  
Tilden H. Quinn, 9th Sig. Co., of Rushville, Ill., loaned the chapter his colored movies of celebrities who visited the Ninth Division while they were overseas, as well as various bivouac areas from Sicily through Germany. A few of the highlights pictured included visits made to the Ninth by Winston Churchill, Gen. Eisenhower and Al Jolson. Also scenes of London, Winchester, Normandy, Dinat, Remagen and other cities included in the itinerary of the Ninth.

The films were held over for the third annual reunion in order for Lt. Col. (Chaplain) Cecil Propst to see them. Included in the scenes were views of the chaplain conducting services in the field in Sicily.

### ELECTION IN MAY

The agenda for the May meeting will include election of officers. The local by-laws provide for only a two-term "rule." Having this in mind President Perry closes his letter thusly:

"This may well be my last report to The Octofoil. The Detroit Chapter, having survived its infancy and attendant growing pains should go on to bigger and better things. A bright and useful future for not only the local organization but also the national association, is hoped for by the present officers: Joe Casey, Barney Tobacco and Hal Perry."

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## Dick Patraw Wants to Locate Picture

Richard W. Patraw, 1963 Reaney St., St. Paul 6, Minn., has written in asking for a picture of Schewenhuette, Germany, views. Anyone in position to help Dick out are requested to write him at the address given above.

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## ART ROHMANN WRITES FROM OLE KENTUCKY

Arthur Rohmann's present address is 1453 Texas Ave., Louisville, Ky. Art is interested in hearing from some of the old 9th men.

The lad is a paid-up member of the Association and is proudly displaying the Octofoil automobile stickers.

William C. Termini, 2236 N. Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, La. (39th Inf.)

James M. Bankston, Gen. Del., Prairie, Miss. (T-5 47th Inf.)

Howard Fitzpatrick, 1310 Vim Drive, Louisville, Ky. (Cpl. 47th.)

Harold C. Raber, 611 Ave. G, Port Allen, La. (Pfc. 47th.)

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Dr. Wm. J. Butler, 2619 Thayer Dr., St. Joseph, Mich. (Capt. 9th Medics.)

Samuel D. Robinson, 219 Langley Rd., Newton Centre, Mass. (Sgt. 84th FA.)

## "UGLY" GONZALES WAS "A DAMN GOOD SOLDIER," EVEN IF HE WAS NOT ATTACHED TO THE 9TH DIV.

(The Stars and Stripes in July, 1944, printed an interesting article about a 36th Division soldier, "Ugly" Gonzales. Naturally readers of The Octofoil prefer to read of the heroism of Ninth Division men, but since all Ninth Division men were good soldiers, they appreciate reading about good soldiering and respect a good soldier irrespective of what outfit he belonged to. A member of the Association promised one of his 36th Division buddies efforts would be made to get the Stars and Stripes story printed about "Ugly." After all "Ugly" was a foot soldier and deserves a niche in the hearts of all foot soldiers. The Stars and Stripes story follows):

By SGT. DAVID GOLDING,  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

The 36th Division may have had its Kelly or Childers, but the men in the line still talk about Manuel "Ugly" Gonzales, even though he is in a hospital and no longer with the outfit.

### FROM TEXAS

Gonzales, a half Indian, half Mexican staff sergeant from Fort Worth, Texas, with jet black hair, massive dimples and a warm smile, gave himself the nickname. He always said that if he found a man uglier than himself he would pay him \$10. So the name stuck.

### INFANTRY TALKS LITTLE

When the infantrymen are on the march they usually don't say much. Only at night when they get a chance to rest, with some hot coffee if they are lucky, do they loosen up and talk. That is when you find out what makes a company or battalion or division tick.

They have their heroes, too, many of whom never had the spotlight of publicity turned upon them. Such a man is Ugly Gonzales. Soldiers don't toss superlatives around. When they say the guy is a damn good soldier, you know they mean just that. And there is no higher praise for the infantryman.



"UGLY" GONZALES

When Ugly joined his outfit, he could not speak or write English. He has learned to do so since and now speaks well with measured diction. Ugly, however, rarely said much. When the officers and men tried to pump him about his accomplishments, he was non-committal. He would just answer that he took care of the enemy.

### HANDICAPPED

Few knew that Ugly, by Army physical standards, should never have been a foot soldier. He was afflicted with a hernia which would bother him on long marches. But he never complained. He had a deep loyalty for his outfit. The men and officers could sense this Indian's eloquent but inarticulate pride. Between him and his commanding officer, Capt. Robert Carey, Waterville, Me., there was a deep affinity that you can only find among men who respect each other's fighting abilities.

Ugly's achievements are now legend but also verified.

At Salerno, a German sandbag emplacement of two machine guns and a mortar was playing havoc with the men on the beach. His M1 jammed. Ugly grabbed a BAR which only had two clips, and fired until they were gone. He then crawled up to the emplacement and wiped out the nest with three hand grenades.

He and the captain, then a lie-

tenant, and another sergeant, regrouped the platoon and moved forward. Ugly spotted a German 88 protected by two machine guns which was firing at almost point-blank range at our landing craft, and started crossing down a ditch where he could not be noticed. That is when a tracer bullet hit his pack and set it on fire.

### THROWS PACK AWAY

But Ugly got rid of his pack and crawled up within ten yards the gun. He tossed one grenade at the Germans and they opened fire at him. His second grenade apparently hit the ammunition pile near the gun and the whole thing went up in smoke.

Later in the evening, Ugly met up with his company. He never could tell them how much damage he caused or how many Germans he killed because he never waited around to see. He continued on to where there was more fighting.

Then his old ailment acted up and he went to the hospital about four days later. It was at this time the medics wanted to re-classify him but he threatened to go AWOL if he could not get out. Three months later he was back with his company during the bitter fighting near Mt. Maggiore.

Early in February at Mt. Castelone, Ugly was wounded badly.

### PINNED DOWN

His platoon at the time was pinned down in foxholes by raking German machine gun fire. A new replacement, scared by the fire, leaped out of his foxhole and started running blindly. As he passed Ugly's foxhole, the Indian jumped out and dragged him back to safety. Before Ugly could get back, the machine gun ripped into his stomach. They tell how Ugly, although severely wounded, insisted he could walk down to the aid station and how he told the medics to use the litter for men who were hurt.

### HOSPITALIZED AGAIN

This time Ugly was in the hospital for three months. When Capt. Carey came to visit, Ugly was so glad to see him that he jumped out of his bed and started wrestling with the officer. It was one of the few occasions that he showed any emotion.

The doctors told Capt. Carey that Ugly would have to go back to the States. But there was a stubborn passivity about him which even impressed the medical men. A week later Ugly was back with the company. His superior officers, however, transferred him to the regimental headquarters company because they felt it would be better for him if he were in a place where he would not have to do any actual fighting.

### SOMETHING MISSING

Something went out of Ugly after that transfer. He still had that warm smile and carried out his duties cheerfully. But the spark was gone. He either could not or no longer had the will to laugh off his ailments. A man may be patched up after he is hit in the stomach by machine gun bullet but he is never the same.

So it was with Ugly. The boys when they sit and talk at night about Ugly Gonzales, say he should have got the Congressional Medal of Honor. And maybe Ugly might like to know that he hasn't been forgotten by the men of the 36th and they still think he's a damn good soldier.

(Ralph H. Barrett, 44 E. Broad St., Columbus, O., former 36th Div. T-5, has written The Octofoil that he has met many former 9th men through VFW and Legion connections, and thought possibly some 9th men in other parts of the country through the same organizations may have contacted Capt. Homer Spence, Canyon, Tex., Gen. Walker, CO of the 36th or Pfc. Jim Gill, all of the 36th. If so he'd like for the 9th men knowing the above men to see that they receive a copy of this particular issue of The Octofoil.)



# Vet Gets New Type Treatment

## VA HOSPITALS ARE GLUING THE GUYS' HEARTS AND LUNGS TOGETHER

LIFE SPAN FOR DISABLED VETERANS IS BEING EXTENDED MANY YEARS BECAUSE OF LATEST MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS.

Although the patient referred to in this story is not a former Ninth man nor a World War II soldier, results of the operation he has experienced has attracted nationwide attention. Because of so many former Ninth men being confined to VA hospitals now and the possibility of thousands more being confined as the years go by, caused from exposure and hardships brought on by being in combat, The Octofoil feels all of the members who read this enlightening story will receive some consolation.

Pictured on this page is an exact reproduction of some art work that appeared in The Columbus (O.) Dispatch Sunday, March 12, 1950. The Octofoil received many news releases from the Dayton VA as well as from Washington sources, but it was decided to use the feature story written by Johnny Jones because of the human interest appeal and elimination of many technical terms and phrases which were hard to understand.

Through the courtesy of George Smallsread, managing editor of The Columbus (O.) Dispatch, the Octofoil editor was extended permission to reprint Johnny's interesting narrative in full. The all-absorbing story reads as follows:

By Johnny Jones

I just scratched my head and looked at Lonzo McDonald, for Lonzo is one of two persons who lived after their hearts had been glued to their lungs. The operation has been performed on only three persons.

Lonzo McDonald lives in a pretty little place, just the kind many dream of, high on the cliffs of the Big Walnut in what is generally known as the Gould Park community. The address is 5591 Walnut Blvd., Route 1, Gahanna, O.

First, Lonzo was in his easy chair, listening to the radio while we chatted. But it was not long until the good sunshine suggested we go out onto the cliff and see his fishing hole, from which he and his wife took 38 bass. The first day of bass season they caught nine. If ever there was a fellow who thanks God he can enjoy the sunshine and the fishing and the great out of doors, it is this man who had his heart glued.



Jones

"I hear you are one of three who had a marvelous operation performed on your heart over at the Dayton Veterans' Hospital," I opened the conversation.

"Yes, I am. The operation was performed on three people. Two of us are still living. One man died a few days after his operation but his death was not directly connected with the operation," Lonzo replied.

"Is it true they used asbestos to make a glue and glued your heart to your lung?" I wanted to know.

"Yes, that is just what happened. I had better give you the report and let you read about it," he answered, and added that it was a Japanese, Dr. Jim Tequetchi, of the hospital staff, who diagnosed his trouble as a coronary artery disease and reported it to Dr. B. N. Carter of the University of Cincinnati.

"I was told all about the operation and that it was the only thing that would save my life. When they talk about cutting a window in your heart and using glue, you do a lot of thinking," he commented.

### A MEDICAL MARVEL

Here is a man who is a medical marvel. The opera-



LONZO McDONALD ENJOYS FISHING IN BIG WALNUT

tion he submitted to may prove to be the means of adding years of life for many more people.

Lonzo stripped to the waist and only a small scar where a rib was removed is to be seen.

The operation is designed to increase the blood supply to the diseased heart by virtually gluing the patient's healthy lung to his heart by means of an asbestos paste painted onto the surface of each. The paste is made by putting powdered asbestos in a salt solution.

Dr. Carter said the function of the asbestos was to serve as an "irritant" that would cause nature to form new tissue at the point of attachment—and provide tiny blood channels between the lung and the heart.

### MEDIC EXPLAINS

Dr. Carter described the technique to a conference of top heart specialists sponsored by the National Institute of Health after the first operation of this kind in this country and possibly in the world.

"In the operation, a small circular window about two inches in diameter is cut in the 'sack' that encloses the heart, exposing the heart muscles. Then the lung is moved over to this window and made to touch the heart after the asbestos paste has been applied to the surfaces that will touch. Finally, the lung and heart are held in that position by sewing the cut edges of the heart 'sack' to the lung," the doctor explained in his report.

This operation was only undertaken on Lonzo McDonald after the doctor's experiments on 54 animals had indicated its effectiveness.

Lonzo is allowed to walk until he is tired and his doctors, including Dr. Schwartz of the Dayton Hospital, want him to keep down to about 160. He weighed more than 200 before his operation.

"You know, any veteran who does not take advantage of the wonderful medical aid the government has provided is plain foolish. I have had the best of treatment. Veterans should take complete advantage of this service," he said.

### HAPPY TO COOPERATE

Lonzo is happy to cooperate with doctors. "I go around to Doctor's clinics and let them study me, hoping it will help others. In a few weeks I am to go to the Crile

Clinic. Dr. R. W. Kissane, our local heart specialist, in the future, will arrange where I am to let local doctors study my case. It is all I can do. It is great to be alive and to watch the coming of spring and to think how much better I am and how lucky to be alive. Guess it is strange to be known as the man with the glued heart."

I just scratched my head again and wondered how little we know about wonderful doctors and what they accomplish. It also shows what strides are being taken and techniques developed to help that old heart pumping gallons of liquid a day. We impose a terrific task on our hearts in this fast and furious world.

Lonzo McDonald is 56 years of age. The other patient is 45. They have never met and Lonzo does not know who he is.

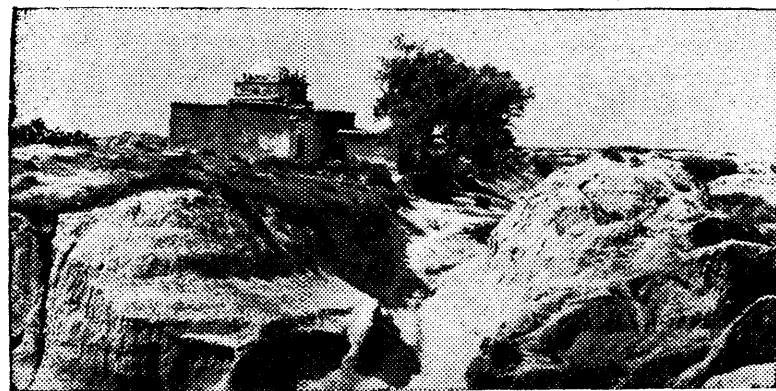
### PLEA FOR PENSION BILL

The little cottage, with its outdoor fireplace and high cliff overlooking the good fishing in the Big Walnut, now holds him in good stead. "Our place is paid for." Lonzo is happy to say this. He is a World War veteran of the first war. His outfit was the 147th Infantry Regiment of the 37th Division and he is a past commander of Post No. 4719 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He founded the Gahanna Post. Lonzo also is active in the hospital work the Military Order of the Cootie is doing. He is Cootie No. 127, Vin Champagne Pup Tent No. 17, Columbus, Ohio.

Lonzo wants to "ask veterans to try and bring about the passage of Bill No. 4617, which will give the veterans \$90 a month. It passed the House of Representatives and will probably be voted upon by the Senate this session of Congress." He is a retired mailman out of Station No. 5 at Champion Avenue and Main Street, and also the old Fort Hayes post office. Lonzo receives \$41 a month pension and his Army pension is \$60. His wife is working at the Government Depot.

Lonzo and his 13-year-old one-half Spitz and one-half Chow dog, "Tippy," took me for a walk on his little terrace. It is pretty there and Lonzo looked over the water and talked fishing, giving the old bamboo pole a feel just as many of us are doing right now.

## A Familiar Sight to Ninth Men



Many memories will be revived when this old Mohammedan Mosque is noted by former Ninth men. Wilton Taylor, McKittick, Calif., reminds The Octofoil of how far they could be seen in the distance from the convoys.

### PAGING BRUCHAC

Al Bruchac says he used to play football in school. "In fact," says Al, "they used to call me Neck-line Bruchac. I was always plunging down the middle but never really showed anything."

The atom bomb made complicity an obsolete word. CHICAGO IN 1950

By promptly answering the telephone we often get ourselves into embarrassing and costly situations.

## Now Available

### OFFICIAL NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION EMBLEMS

	Price
Gold Plated Lapel Brooch, with Safety Catch.....	\$1.20
Gold Plated Lapel Button—screwback type.....	1.20
Gold Plated Tie Clip.....	2.10
*Sterling Silver Ring with Gold Filled Emblem applied..	5.40
(*Be sure to give correct ring size when ordering the ring.)	
Sterling Silver Key Chain with Gold Filled Emblem attached .....	2.70
Lady's Sterling Silver Charm Bracelet with Gold Filled Emblem attached .....	3.00
Above prices include the 20 per cent Federal Tax as well as Postage cost.	

## NATIONAL SECRETARY

POSTOFFICE BOX 1704  
WASHINGTON 13, D. C.

### GO TO THE ZOO

Service Manager: "Been to the zoo yet?"

New Delivery Boy: "No, sir."

Manager: "Well, you should. You will enjoy it and get a big kick out of watching the turtles zip by you."

### COLLECT

Generally speaking, no young person today will write if he can telegraph, and none will telegraph if he can telephone—collect. CHICAGO IN 1950

A buxom widow must be either married, buried, or shut up in a convent.

## PHIL BARREAU WILL SEE HIS OLD BUDDIES IN CHI

Phillip Barreau lives in Richland Center, Wis., Route 3. Phil says he has been unable to attend a convention of the Ninth, but now that this next one will be held in Chicago, which is a small town considered more or less as a suburb of Richland Center, Wis., that he has definite plans to be there. CHICAGO IN 1950

## JOE WILHELM IS "JUST A BIT TIRED"

Joseph Wilhelm, 911 Penn St., Brackenridge, Pa., was just a little bit tardy in sending 1950 dues in. He says in his letter "the only excuse I have is due to the fact that I'm just tired."

Okay, Joe, and thanks. Where you are just a wee bit tired—some of the Joes must be suffering from utter exhaustion. CHICAGO IN 1950

The right to work implies the ability and willingness to do something that needs to be done.

# Connecticut Chapter Is Making Progress

## Library In Buffalo Accepts History



Readers will recall a story in the February Octofoil mentioning the fact that Buffalo's Chapter of the Association had presented a copy of "8 Stars to Victory" to the Grosvenor Library, Buffalo. Pictured above during the presentation ceremony will be seen Henry J. Golabiecki, president of the Buffalo Chapter, presenting the history to Librarian Rutherford D. Rogers. Buffalo's Secretary, George A. Simon, is the smiling onlooker shown between Henry and the Librarian.

## "HOPPIE" HOPKINS GETS AROUND AND MAKES INTERESTING CONTACTS

Ed "Hoppie" Hopkins gets his mail in care Sperry Products, Inc., Shelton, Conn. (T-5 60th Airborne). After he read Bill Buckner's letter in the April issue of The Octofoil, Ed took his pen in hand and decided to send in a few notes after making out a check for his yearly dues and an amount for sustaining membership.

Parts of "Hoppie's" letter reads as follows:

I was surprised to see Buemi's letter in print as I thought he had forgotten how to write. . . . He owes me a letter for about a year now. This past November I had a short layover in Cleveland on my way West and I gave Bill a ring from the airport. His mother said he was sleeping, even though it was 11 a.m. I hope he still doesn't drink vino on Saturday nights.

### GETS AROUND

My job gets me around quite a bit and I run into some of the former Co. F, 47th boys with whom I soldiered or perhaps it would be better to say with whom I was in the Army.

Last Sunday in Philly I had quite a reunion with John "Smig" Tokarchek, John "Yosh" Rynceavage (the Gold Dust twins of Co. F), and Al "Y" Yanashefsky. A good time was had by all, but I'm sure glad it's over for a little while. Smig is married and has two daughters. Yosh is married and has one son and should catch up to Smig in about three more weeks, and "Y" has a long ways to go to catch either one of them. He is married to Yosh's sister-in-law.

### CONTINUOUS SESSIONS

I also had a pretty good session (life is just one session after another for me these days as I have been trying to make up for a lot of that time I lost in the Army), in January with Lou Slatnick (Slats), Sol Jaker (Jake), Jackie Fisher, and Harry Magno (Maggie). They are all married and Slats has a little girl. (He married an English girl), and Jake

has a son. Jackie Fisher is in business with his brothers in Jersey in the dry cleaning dodge. They have quite a few stores around Newark and are known as Fisher Brothers. They all belong to the Dave Fisher Memorial Post. Dave Fisher was Jackie's brother, who was killed in Tunisia while with Co. A, 47th. Many will recall Dave as the lad with the dummy dressed as a second lieutenant (or perhaps it WAS a second lieutenant), who used to entertain in the Service Club at Fort Bragg and on those long boring rides on the train up to New York those two we received furloughs (counting the 4-day furlough they gave us by mistake that Easter of '41.)

### COMMITTS MATRIMONY

Frank Gilsenan recently committed matrimony and is living in Newark. Jack Ginn also went and did it and is now working with the railway mail. Slats is a mail man in Newark. Al Hohmann is also married and kidded, and living in Port Arthur, where he is an engineering officer on a tug. Al advises that Bill Larson's old buddy, former 1st Sergeant of F Co., is now a State Trooper in Alabama. (This is fair warning to all concerned—especially to those who knew the good sergeant)—1st Sgt. Olan C. Tucker, that is!

### WINES AND DINES

This past July I spent a couple of excellent week ends with our old CO, Otto Geyer, in St. Louis. He and his wife wine and dined me in a fashion befitting a former Ninth man. He now realizes that I may not have been the best soldier in the outfit but I was the happiest.

### FEENISHED

That's all the news for now, but in the future as I run into more of the boys I'll keep The Octofoil informed, and in the meantime any of the old gang who would like to share a dram with me, just drop a line, care Sperry Products, Inc., Danbury, Conn.

## FLASH . . .

The Greater Detroit Chapter wired The Octofoil that their Third Annual Michigan Reunion was a very sociable occasion for members and their wives. One member traveled 250 miles each way in order to attend. Several others traveled from 100 to 150 miles.

Details of the Michigan boys' Reunion, including photographs, will be published in the next issue of The Octofoil.

CHICAGO IN 1950

## Marion Poythress Writes From the Tar Heel State

Marion T. Poythress, Box 727, Henderson, N. C., writes as follows: "I received December copy of The Octofoil and certainly do appreciate it. I read about Sustaining Memberships and think it is a good idea."

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

## Robert Bick Has New Ohio Address

Robert W. Bick, 945 Mayfair Blvd., Toledo 12, Ohio, is quite anxious for his old buddies to get possession of the new address that is listed above. Bob says it has been some time now since he has heard from any of the old gang—and he doesn't like it.

CHICAGO IN 1950

## SID GELLER SENDS KINDEST REGARDS

Through the good graces of George Ginsberg, 1468 Seabury Place, Bronx 60, N. Y., The Octofoil is in receipt of a "Best Wishes" card from Sid Geller who wants to be remembered to the old gang. Sid's address is 1810 Trafalgar Place, The Bronx 60, N. Y.

CHICAGO IN 1950

## OCTOFOIL LISTED BOB JACKSON AT WRONG ADDRESS

Robert E. Jackson, Jr., a former sergeant with Bty. D, 376th AAA, 9th Div., who now lives at 104 Cherry St., West Orange 2, N. J., advises The Octofoil that when his name and address were listed, the type read Robert A. rather than Robert E., and the thing misread further by reading 106 Cherney St., instead of 104 Cherry St.

Sorry as all get out, Bob. The mistake has been corrected, and the group picture you sent in of the former sergeants from Bty. D, 376th AAA, taken in Germany, will be a part of the next Octofoil. Will you forgive everyone, please? And so help us, Hannah, the picture of these "mugs" will be returned as soon as a cut is made.

CHICAGO IN 1950

## JOE RUCKER ASKS 47th GANG TO DROP HIM A CARD

Joseph T. Rucker, 174 Virginia Ave., Honea Path, S. C., writes as follows:

"Thought I'd drop you a few lines as I would like to hear from some of the old gang who made up Co. E, or Hq. Co., 2nd Bn., 47th Infantry. I will answer any and all letters."

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

## A Future Captain Has Now Arrived

An announcement card creased in the latest baby breeches fold, arrived at The Octofoil office recently, signed W. K. Lewis, 440 E. Vandalia St., Edwardsville, Ill.

After taking the safety pins out of the card it read:

Announcing the arrival of

Bromley Harrison Lewis.

On April 3. Weight, 8 lbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldon K. Lewis.

It hasn't been too long ago when the 84th Field Artillery boys all knew the new daddy as Captain

Waldon K. Lewis.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## TOUGH FOR HER

A party of tourists in Arizona came upon an Indian brave riding a pony and were shocked to see his heavily burdened squaw walking behind him.

"Why doesn't your wife ride?" one tourist inquired.

"Ugh! She got no pony."—Ex.

## NOTICE IN OCTOFOIL ADVISING PRESIDENT LOCKWOOD WOULD FURNISH TRANSPORTATION GETS A MEMBER

MARRIAGES, "BUNDLES FROM HEAVEN" AND MANY OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST HIGHLIGHT MEETING HELD IN MARCH.

By AARON L. ALPERT,

558 Valley Street, New Haven, Conn.

The March meeting of the Connecticut Chapter was held at the New Haven Armory. About 20 members turned out to make this meeting a very exciting get-together. It did one's heart good to see men who you haven't seen in years.

### A NEW MEMBER

Frank Haines of Hartford, former 84th FA Hqtrs. Btry., read the piece in the March issue of The Octofoil about riding to the meeting with President Lockwood, who also lives in Hartford. Haines called Lockwood—and so the Connecticut Chapter gained another member.

### REMEMBER BEEBE?

You men of the 60th Inf. remember tall, angular, Merton Beebe, the Yankee humor man. Well, Beebe done went and did it. He got married to a very pretty girl from his home town of Newington, Conn.

### NEED SOCIETY EDITOR

This meeting would have given some Society Editor a wealth of material, for besides Beebe's marriage, President Lockwood advised that he had become the proud father of a baby girl, whose name is Judith. Congratulations are also in order for your scribe, Aaron L. Alpert, whose second child and second son, Richard, was born on February 16. And not to be outdone, it was learned of a daughter being born to Bill McGrath, who is still in the Army, stationed at the State Armory in Hartford, Conn.

### NEW HOMES

Besides the babies, several men are having new homes built. Former President Syd Heiberger is building in New Haven and should be in his new home in June, and Bruce Fraczek, who is building on his father's estate in Fairfield, Conn., expects to carry his pretty English wife over the threshold of his new home in July.

### BRINGS A FRIEND

Jack Iovene, former 39th man, a consistent attendant at meetings, brought along a friend, Sal Grandi, who was a member of the famous First Division. Grandi, who saw much action and was wounded several times, was very much impressed with the doings of the 9th Division's Connecticut Chapter.

### 709TH ORD. REPRESENTED

It was good to see George Swanson again, former 709th Ord. man. George is being kept very busy at his Super Market, but managed to break away for this meeting. It will be remembered that George put in a lot of time and effort to make the chapter's picnic held last July such a success.

### PLAN SOCIAL MEETING

The business part of the meeting dealt with plans for an open Social meeting to be held some time in the near future, with June the tentative month. It is planned to have the wives and girl friends of the members at the social with some entertainment such as movies, a magician, and perhaps a speaker.

### GONNA USE 'PHONE

If any of your Connecticut men who as yet haven't been to a meeting should get a phone call, it will not be the census taker, but it will be an ardent member who will try to introduce you to an enjoyable evening once a month with your former buddies.

### RIDES ARRANGED

Remember men, if you lack transportation to a meeting and live near either Boardman Lockwood in Hartford, or Bruce Fraczek in Bridgeport, a ride to the meeting will be assured you by phoning either of the two mentioned men.

## MIKE BATELLI HAPPY ABOUT CHURCH STORY

It's the little things in life that really count. It costs so little to be considerate and appreciative to others. After the last issue of The Octofoil Michael F. Batelli, 67 E. 20th St., Paterson, N. J., sat down immediately and wrote a nice letter to The Octofoil. It is self-explanatory and words fail to express how good Mike's letter made The Octofoil personnel feel. The letter reads:

It was truly a thrill for me to receive the current issue of The Octofoil and see the grand and excellent job you did on the Ninth Division Memorial in Chateau-Thierry. I certainly want to thank you and wish that The Octofoil continues for years and years to come with you at the helm.

I would also like to ask a favor: I would like to send Father Menard a copy or two of the April edition of The Octofoil to let him see the belated acknowledgment by the Association . . . a grand thank you to him for his keeping his word (sans reward) to the Ninth.

Trusting this will be possible, I again say thank you, and may the best be yours always.

Very truly yours,

MIKE.

Thanks again, Mike. A bouquet like that can't fail to arouse interest and enthusiasm and cause resolutions to be made that The Octofoil will strive to improve and better serve the members as time passes on.

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## James Corcoran Wants to Hear From Anti-Tank Buddies

James J. Corcoran's address is 214 Second St., Girardville, Pa.

Jim asked Secretary Tingley to keep The Octofoil coming out his way because what few guys from the 47th's Anti-Tank Co. who do write letters in to The Octofoil is his only means of keeping in touch with those old buddies.

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

## CHICK HENNER PLANS TO MAKE CHICAGO REUNION

Norbert "Chick" Hennen, 3455 Irving Ave., No., Minneapolis 12, Minn., in a recent letter to Secretary Tingley, mentions a few of the "old faithfuls" who have labored diligently to keep the Greater Twin Cities Chapter functioning. They are Secretary Dick Sims, Ted Youngquist, Tom Solon, Paul Johnson, Raleigh Thorberg, Bob Burns and Howard Felix.

A mighty neat bit of stationery is being used by the Twin Cities boys, and Hennen advises Howard Felix should be credited with the outstanding art work.

The group mentioned plan to be in Chicago early and stay late.

CHICAGO IN 1950

## STAN MARZEC WRITES FROM PENNSYLVANIA

Stanley Marzec was a Pfc. in the 47th. He now lives at 126 Center St., Dupont, Pa., and is anxious to hear from any of the old gang.

Stan is a paid up member in good standing and is sporting the Octofoil auto emblem on his car.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

A middle aged man will do anything to feel better except give up what's hurting him.



## A Group of Real Amphibious Lads



Maxwell Katz, former 39th soldier, from January, 1941, until August 6, 1945, hopes some of the lads pictured above while enjoying themselves at Virginia Beach before the days of that "Blue Mediterranean" were heard of, will drop him a few lines to 255 Pennsylvania Ave., Brooklyn 7, N. Y. Pictured above, left to right: Bob Farrell, Maxwell Katz, Joe Hill (killed in action on the Meuse River), John Smith, and Leo Matz.

## WAR DEPT. HAS GOOD BOOKS IN THE MAKING

The Historical Division of the War Dept., Washington 25, D. C., has sent out bulletins mentioning "To Bizerte With the II Corps," published by the Government Printing Office; orders may be sent to the Superintendent of Documents, care G.P.O., Washington, D. C., enclosing 50 cents, or if requested the book will be sent C. O. D.

In an effort to obtain a detailed map of the El Guettar area, Wilton Taylor received the following information:

"Operations in which the Ninth Division participated will be covered comprehensively in seven volumes of 'The U. S. Army in World War II,' a 90-odd volume history now in preparation. Most of the volumes will be finished in 1951. Among which are Campaigns in North Africa, The Sicilian Campaign, Cross Channel Attack, Break Out and Pursuit, The Siegfried Line Campaign, The Ardennes Campaign and the Rhine Campaign and Central Germany."

## It's a Baby Boy At Don Jewell's

Donald Jewell, 466 Forest St., Columbus, O., was a bit tardy at the last meeting the Ohio Chapter held at Paul Keller's home, 2638 Pontiac St., Columbus.

However, when Jewell rushed in panting for breath and announced his wife had just presented him with a 7 lb. 9 oz. baby boy, the gang excused his tardiness.

## Ginsberg "Shaking All the Bushes"

George Ginsberg, 1468 Saabury Pl., Bronx 60, N. Y., sent in a mighty short note to The Octofoil this past month, but those few words spoke parables, and they read simply:

"I am trying hard to get as many new members of the Ninth Infantry Division Association as I possibly can."

## Mrs. Stanley Pettak Is a Loyal 9th Div. Booster

Mrs. Stanley Pettak, 4 East Drive, Chicopee, Mass., got tired of Stan's procrastination and she took the situation over and mailed in those 1950 dues and asked Secretary Tingley to send them a map so she could find out for herself first hand where Stan had put in his time while he was over there.

Thanks a lot, Mrs. Stan. It's good folks like you that are helping to keep the Ninth Infantry Division Association on the map!

## Raymond Kelly Is a Sustaining Member

Raymond A. Kelly, 41 Berdan St., Rochelle Park, N. J. asks The Octofoil to pass on this new address for the benefit of his old buddies that he wants to keep in contact with.

Because of his change in address Ray missed a copy or two of The Octofoil and was not completely familiar with the Sustaining Membership action taken in Pittsburgh, but just to be safe he included an additional amount in order that he could be classified as a Sustaining Member.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Mel Cagle's Family Has Increased

Melvin A. Cagle, Rt. 3, Travelers Rest, So. Carolina, was a darn good Pfc., with the 60th Regt. He is also a good member of the Association. Mel is afraid that he and the wife will be unable to attend the Chicago party, but he is looking forward to making the '51 shindig.

There has been an addition to the family roster. It happens to be Sandra Gail. She moved into the Carolinas on Dec. 27, weighing in at 7 lbs. 12 ozs.

That makes two potential WACs for the family. Wanda Jewel is 3 years old, and is she proud of the new baby sister?

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Tom Mickelson Writes From Minneapolis, Minn.

Those guys out in "Little Sweden" will have to get together.

Thomas O. Mickelson, 4631 Emerson Ave., No., Minneapolis, Minn., a former 39th man, sends his dues in directly to Secretary Tingley. He evidently doesn't know about those hard working lads out that way who are battling night and day to keep the Twin Cities Chapter on the map. Tom should get in touch with Chick Hennen, Tom Solon, George Simmons or some of the other former 9th men in that part of the world.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Norman Martin Has New Home

Norman L. Martin writes The Octofoil to apologize for not having passed on a few greetings to his former buddies earlier. But Norm has a valid excuse. He has been very busy trying to get his new home completed so he could get re-established as quickly as possible. By the time this appears in print he will have moved and the new address is 2400 Meadow Lane, Belleville, Ill.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Tom Coyne Appeals To 899th Lads

Thomas Coyne, 3808 Dalewood Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., is here and now appealing to former 899th fellows to meet him in Chicago. He adds that he felt kinda little down at Pittsburgh when only he and Sammy Gruber showed up.

## Herman Merk Sees Octofoil In Barber's Window

Here's one for the books: Herman J. Merk, 40 Circle Lane, Levittown, L. I., N. Y., was aimlessly strolling down the street in his home town and noticed a barber shop window and on the window display was an appeal to former 9th Division men to come in and get acquainted with another former 9th man.

Herman barged in and walked right up to Patsy Marcellino, who was a 60th Inf., Anti-Tank Co. man. His address at the time of being discharged was 243 Linden St., Brooklyn, N. Y. But his present address is 174 Himrod St., Brooklyn.

Marcellino and another buddy joined the Association overseas—and after being sent back stateside contacts were lost and it was news for them to learn about the Association and what kind of good times the Greater New York Chapter is arranging from time to time.

Herman asked The Octofoil to call attention to the new address he has, for the benefit of former buddies whom he hopes will write a few lines now and then.

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

## Marcus Sciarappa Wants to Help

Those Arty boys are beginning to wake up and take a pride in their Association. The latest one to be heard from is Marcus Sciarappa, 1303 11th Ave., Neptune, N. J., a former Bty. C, 26th F.A. Joe. And Marc says in his letter: "I surely want to help keep the Association going."

Marc, when sending in his dues, asked to be made a Sustaining Member, closing with quite a bit of praise for his copy of "Eight Stars to Victory."

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Chuck McKirby Sends for Map

Charles McKirby, 1206 S. Washington Ave., St. Peter, Minn., says that he always looks forward to reading The Octofoil, and feels as though there are thousands of other former 9th men who feel the same as he does. Chuck says that as "Time Marches On" each succeeding day will enhance the value of The Octofoil's contents to the members.

The Minnesota lad asked for Secretary Tingley to send him one of the maps at once, so he could learn "for sure" where he'd been. Mc says tells his old buddies he will be seeing them in Chicago.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Mrs. Chas. Anderson Looks Out for Chuck

Along comes another good little wife who goes to bat to keep hubby in good with the Association. This time it is Mrs. Charles Anderson, 319 S. Franklin St., Fleetwood, Pa. Mrs. Anderson enclosed a cute little card in her letter, and it reads . . .

HERE I AM!

Maxine Joyce—

Weight: 6 lbs. 14 ozs.

Date: Dec. 19, 1949.

Parents: Charles and Joyce Anderson.

Quoting from other parts of Mrs. Anderson's nice letter, it reads:

"My husband does not know I am sending his 1950 dues in. He has kept putting it off from time to time. Then we had another addition to the family. This is our second little girl. The other one, Ann Louise, is 14 months old."

"Enclosed you will find a check for Charles' dues, \$1 for a map and the balance as a donation for his Sustaining Membership."

"We both enjoy The Octofoil to a great extent and extend our best wishes for continued success."

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## MRS. PAUL CLARK ADVISES THE MR. HAS BEEN SICK

Mrs. Paul D. Clark, 6210 S. Normal Blvd., Chicago 21, Ill., has recently sent a letter to Secretary Tingley advising Paul has been hospitalized and unable to attend the Illinois Chapter meetings—and for that reason she was sending dues in directly to the National Headquarters.

Now here's an opportunity for some of the Illinois boys to make a visit that will be appreciated and will help build up the morale of a good buddy!

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

Wives are young men's mistresses, companions for middle age and old men's nurses.

## General Smythe's Home Over There



General George W. Smythe, the Association's first president, now attached to the First Division in Germany, used the Christmas, 1949 cards he mailed to stateside friends as a means to display his G. I. quarters over there. General and Mrs. Smythe would be happy to hear from any of the old gang. Address letters to Hq. 1st Div., Care Postmaster, New York City, APO 1.—Photo courtesy of Wilton M. Taylor.

## DAVID BEN KRAFT HAS ARRIVED

It used to be Capt. W. Kraft, Co. G, 47th Inf. Now it's "Papa Walter Kraft." The second youngster has arrived to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kraft. He has been named David Ben. No. 1 was a potential WAC. Dave is the only boy so far. He was born on Feb. 25 at Griffin Memorial Hospital, in Kodiak, Alaska, and the little tyke started off with a handicap of 8 pounds, 5 1/2 ozs.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## CAPT. HARPER INTERESTED IN NINTH SIG. CO.

It's Capt. Robert Harper, Chicago Sub Office, ORC, Navy Pier, Chicago 11, Ill. When the captain sent in his dues for 1950 plus he asked the pointed question, why he asked (the pointed question, why in the heck wasn't there more news in The Octofoil from former 9th Sig. Co. members.

There's the challenge, fellows. Are you going to let your old buddy down? Send in some notes about yourselves.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## BILL KELLER SENDS FOR A 60TH BOOK

Secretary Tingley forwarded to The Octofoil copy of a letter from William W. Keller, but failed to include Bill's present home address. However, the letter from Bill is being printed in part and if any of his old buddies will drop him a few lines in care of Secretary Charles O. Tingley, Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., the secretary will see that Keller gets the letters. Parts of Bill's letter reads: "Please send a copy of the 60th History. Although I was a member of the 39th Inf., I still want a copy of the 60th History."

"I enjoy The Octofoil and pride myself in belonging to the Association. I served with the 39th from May, 1943, until Sept. 7, 1943, when many of us were transferred to the 3rd Division. "During the march across Sicily I served with the Medical Detachment of the 39th as an aid man in Co. B."

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## John Moore Plans To Make Chicago

John K. Moore, 19 DeKalb Ave., White Plains, N. Y., was a few days late sending in 1950 dues—so he ups and penalizes himself and makes a donation so as to become a Sustaining Member.

John closes his letter with these remarks:

"Congratulations on the swell job being done. I hope to see all of my former buddies in Chicago."

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

## LOOK MAGAZINE PLUGS REUNION

Joe Casey, secretary of Greater Detroit's Chapter, has forwarded to The Octofoil Pages 72 and 73 from the April 25 issue of Look Magazine. Shown on the pages are the division insignias of 43 units which have scheduled reunions at various parts of the country during 1950.

The good old Octofoil is proudly shown, printed in bright colors, announcing the dates of the Chicago Convention, July 13, 14, 15.

Copies of the magazine are still available at most all newsstands.

## CHICAGO BOYS PLANNING FOR A STAG PARTY

Ed W. Machowski, 1822 Haddon Ave., Chicago 22, Ill., secretary of the Illinois Chapter, writes to The Octofoil and divulges the following newsy notes:

After our last business meeting the prexy announced that an Easter Egg Hunt was on. The object was to find as many eggs as possible; naturally the one finding the most would be the winner. Whoever hid that Hen Fruit did a good job.

When the final whistle blew, the contest was a tie between Mrs. Winkleman and George Stolaski. High cards were drawn to determine the winner. The card drawing resulted in a tie. However, in the final elimination, George was the winner, being awarded a beautifully decorated Easter basket.

## CHOW CALL

Along about this time the Ladies' Artillery sounded off for refreshments and chow. 'Twas a bit difficult to break up a rather hot card game. It's still a \$64 question who was the real winner.

## CONVENTION PLANS

The prime matter under discussion were nailing down the Convention agenda. This was well taken care of. The Chicago Convention Committee is leaving no stone unturned in arranging for a bang-up convention.

## STAG PARTY

Illinois members should not forget the May meeting that is now in the offing. It will be a "Stag." Notices and complete details will be mailed out later.

## ROSTER COMPLETED

Available at this time is a list of all Chicago and Illinois Ninth Infantry Association members. Also available is a complete list of "Gold Star Mothers." Why not come down to the next meeting and determine personally where that old buddy is living?

## HARRY MARKS, JR. MANAGES CHAIN GROCERY STORE

Harry Marks, Jr., has grubstaked a nice spot for himself down in Huntington, W. Va. His street address is 3917 Auburn Rd. Marks appealed to The Octofoil to try and get some of his old 60th buddies to write him a few lines now and then. From the text of his letter the boy really enjoys reading The Octofoil.

And Harry is applying that old 9th spirit in civilian life, too. On top of being manager of one of Mr. Kroger's Super Markets he's gone out and bought for himself a swell home.

—CHICAGO IN 1950—

## Howard Fitzpatrick Is a Married Man

Howard Fitzpatrick has recently moved from Somerset, Ky., to 1310 Vim Drive, Louisville, Ky. He is working with the Mengel Co., dealers in household furniture.

Fitz makes an appeal for former buddies from Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. Anti-Tank Plt., to drop him a few lines. He is especially anxious to hear from Ed Schultz and Ray Adams.

Howard recently went before the man and said "I do." He and Mrs. Fitzpatrick have purchased their own home in the city of fast horses.



# DIRECTORY OF FORMER NINTH DIVISION MEN

## SLOWLY BUT SURELY ENTIRE LIST OF PRESENT MEMBERS AND THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS IS BEING PRINTED

TODAY IS THE DAY TO WRITE AN OLD BUDDY AND ASK WHETHER HE IS AN ASSOCIATION MEMBER—AND IF NOT, THEN SIGN HIM UP.

Time's wastin' . . . Mid-July is just around the corner. The Octofoil is furnishing a list of the old buddies and their addresses with the expectation that each and every member will contact not one old buddy but many and arrange to meet them in good old Chicago Town at the Ninth Infantry Division Association's Fifth Annual Convention. Following is a list of present-day members as well as those who originally joined the Association, which is continued from last month's listings:

Robert G. Sullivan, 93-05 123rd St., Richmond Hill 18, N. Y.  
 Franklin Scheiman, 104-16 88th Ave., Richmond Hill 18, N. Y.  
 Leonard Berberich, 1878 Suydam St., Ridgewood, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 William S. Carrington, 1819 Norman St., Ridgewood 27, N. Y.  
 Walter J. O'Keefe, 1858 Woodbine St., Ridgewood, Queens, New York.  
 James Bruno, 3900 Greystone Ave., Riverdale 63, N. Y.  
 Sabatino A. Agostinelli, 85 Latta Rd., Rochester, N. Y.  
 Sherman J. Anderson, 385 Seward St., Rochester, N. Y.  
 Edmond B. Bracker, 253 Edgerton St., Rochester, N. Y.  
 Lamond K. Brownell, 535 Hazelwood Terrace, Rochester 9, New York.  
 Ralph A. Goodness, 488 Magee Ave., Rochester 13, N. Y.  
 Russell C. Hickey, 550 Plymouth Ave., So., Rochester, N. Y.  
 Jonathan E. Huntington, 369 Genesee St., Rochester 11, N. Y.  
 Bruce B. Johnstone, 1202 Goodman St., Rochester 9, N. Y.  
 Mortimer D. Keough, 2988 Ridge Rd., W., Rochester 13, N. Y.  
 Carl F. Leavens, 152 Barrington St., Rochester, N. Y.  
 Stanley C. Pelkey, 165 Pomona Drive, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Robert C. Rinn, 82 Barnard St., Rochester, N. Y.  
 John E. White, 96 Brett Road, Rochester 9, N. Y.  
 George J. McGovern, 224 Beach, 86th St., Rockaway Beach, N. Y.  
 Martin H. Steel, 55 Maple Ave., Rockville Center, L. I., N. Y.  
 Edgar Walters, 22 Main Ave., Rockville Center, Long Island, New York.  
 Leo A. Henry, 113 E. Bloomfield St., Rome, N. Y.  
 Claude E. Holmes, 510 West St., Rome, N. Y.  
 Robert S. Woodside, 207 S. Doxtater Ave., Rome, N. Y.  
 Conse DeLutis, care Rome Sentinel, Rome, N. Y.  
 Alfred Riccio, 135 Maple Ave., Rye, N. Y.  
 Nicholas Casella, 116-32 191st St., St. Albans, N. Y.  
 Daniel P. Coffey, 113-17 207th St., St. Albans, N. Y.  
 Lawson W. Kateley, 216-33 118th Ave., Cambria Heights, St. Albans 11, N. Y.  
 David G. S. Halleran, Route 1, St. James, L. I., N. Y.  
 Anthony Dirubba, 169 Montgomery St., Scarsdale, N. Y.  
 William Griffith, 1 Elmdorf Dr., Scarsdale, N. Y.  
 Roger L. Vuilleumier, 2 Berkeley Rd., Scarsdale, N. Y.  
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 Aldor Cook, 906 Crane St., Schenectady, N. Y.  
 Robert D. Flanagan, Rt. 4, Schenectady, N. Y.  
 Arthur F. Hamelin, 1056 Glenwood Blvd., Schenectady, N. Y.  
 Vincent C. Hayman, 97 DeGroff St., Schenectady, N. Y.  
 Howard J. Lewis, 1454 State St., Apt. 1, Front Down, Schenectady 4, N. Y.  
 Harry B. Rockstroh, 250 Duaneburg Rd., Rt. 5, Schenectady, N. Y.  
 Kenneth Seypura, 1111 McClyman St., Schenectady, N. Y.  
 Leo R. Stetina, Rt. 74, 111 Lorraine Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.  
 Walter Truszkowski, 6 Sheldon St., Schenectady, N. Y.  
 Richard F. Wolf, 830 Harrison Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.  
 Robert R. Mitchell, 116 Riverside Ave., Scotia, N. Y.  
 Floyd A. Clark, Box 37, Seneca Castle, N. Y.  
 Albert L. Bennett, 3 Elm St., Seneca Falls, N. Y.

John B. Prayne, 15 John St., Seneca Falls, N. Y.  
 Louis Gurba, 24 Van Cleef St., Seneca Falls, N. Y.  
 T. M. Dixon, 2 E. Perry Ave., Silver Springs, N. Y.  
 Richard A. Dando, Skaneateles, N. Y.  
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 Harry G. Edwards, 117-28 123rd St., So. Ozone Park, L. I., New York.  
 Frederick A. Herrin, 133-09 121st St., So. Ozone Park, N. Y.  
 Elliot C. Diehm, 173-10 140th Ave., Springfield Gardens 13, New York.  
 George E. Klinger, 221-10 133rd Ave., Springfield Gardens 13, L. I., N. Y.  
 Carl Winters, 145-37 179th St., Springfield Garden 13, N. Y.  
 Paul Bezold, 144 Cebra Ave., Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y.  
 Adam Distefano, 27 Dixon Ave., Staten Island 2, N. Y.  
 Dr. Philip Eckstein, 4514 Amboy Rd., Staten Island 12, N. Y.  
 William Kwasnaza, 287 Victory Bldg., Staten Island 1, N. Y.  
 William H. Lautenberger, 145 Kamball Ave., Staten Island 2, N. Y.  
 Stan Mrozinski, 86 Glenwood Ave., Staten Island 1, N. Y.  
 William J. Pound, 320 Moreland St., Staten Island 6, N. Y.  
 Nicholas J. Siclari, 163 Tompkins St., Stapleton, Staten Island 4, N. Y.  
 Alfred G. Wilkie, 1073 Rossville Ave., Staten Island 9, N. Y.  
 Robert H. Carter, 29 Wayne Ave., Suffern, N. Y.  
 Thomas J. Brady, 615 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Herman R. Lipstein, 901 Madison St., Apt. 3, Syracuse 10, N. Y.  
 Edward J. Matera, 215 Wall St., Syracuse, N. Y.  
 John N. Picciano, 159 W. Calthrop Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Howard E. Rogers, 110 May Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Frederick A. Sargis, 1837 Bellevue, Syracuse 5, N. Y.  
 Robert Z. Srogi, 340 Apple St., Syracuse, N. Y.  
 Hail M. Wilson, 504 W. Brighton Ave., Apt. 15, Syracuse 5, N. Y.  
 John G. Yost, 117 Hazelhurst Ave., No. Syracuse, N. Y.  
 John S. Zych, 111 Arch St., Syracuse, N. Y.  
 David B. Dutcher, Campbell Ave., Tappan, N. Y.  
 Walter M. Pyle, Pocantico Stable, Tarrytown, N. Y.  
 Thomas B. Dickson, 131 Third St., Troy, N. Y.  
 Frank Fidler, 208 Sprague Ave., Tottenville, S. I. 7, N. Y.  
 Leslie E. Elden, 464 Third Ave., Troy, N. Y.  
 Philip E. Patrie, Rt. 57, Troy, N. Y.  
 Mrs. James C. Ryan, 3020 7th Ave., Troy, N. Y.  
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 Arthur McMann, 84 Valley Ave., Walden, N. Y.  
 Charles W. Du Mond, 40 Griswold St., Walton, N. Y.  
 Mr. Edward J. Barry, 156 East Main St., Wappingers Falls, N. Y.  
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 Metro Vasil, 47 Parsons St., Yonkers, N. Y.  
 John Waschin, 41 Hawthorne Ave., Yonkers, N. Y.  
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 Isidore Breshinsky, 1482 Montgomery Ave., Bronx, N. Y.  
 George E. Brush, 1711 St. Peter's Ave., Bronx 61, N. Y.  
 Charles M. Capraro, 785 North Oak Ave., Bronx 67, N. Y.  
 (More names next month)

## DICK SLATE HAS A JOB WITH HIS UNCLE SAMMY

Richard P. Slate, Sylvatus, Va., is wondering what has happened to the old gang from Co. I, 47th. They've kinda slowed down insofar as sending news to The Octofoil, according to Dick.

The former 47th lad is now a rural mail carrier out of his home town down in the Old Dominion State.

CHICAGO IN 1950

## WALT KIMMERIE ASKS ABOUT NEW YORK'S CHAPTER

Walter W. Kimmerie, 100 Linden Ave., Springfield, N. J., is one of the many former Ninth men who are handicapped. Walter is a blind veteran and has been a member of the Association since shortly after it was first organized.

It would be a good gesture for some members from the Greater New York Chapter to stop in and see Walt sometime, because in his letter he manifested a bit of interest in the New York Chapter. Parts of his letter reads:

"I understand the Ninth has a chapter in New York City, and I would like to know if I could be associated with their group. I would appreciate it a lot if you would let me know who to contact." Okay, you New York fellows, here's a good man begging to be admitted.

CHICAGO IN 1950

## Detroit Chapter Publishes Beautiful Program Brochure

One of the nearest little jobs of printing to reach The Octofoil office in many a day was the program the Detroit Chapter boys had printed for distribution at their third annual reunion.

Friends of the Ninth boys in the Detroit area were liberal in their advertising space to help defray printing expenses.

Maj. Gen. Donald A. Stroh, in his customary efficient manner, gave a thumb nail sketch of the Ninth Division's various training and combat experiences.

Generals Eddy and Craig used the booklet as a medium to extend greetings to former 9th men. One full page is devoted as a Memorial to the 4,581 members of the Ninth Division who were killed in action and laid to rest from Morocco to the Hills of Belgium.

—CHICAGO IN JULY—

## BILL BARRINGER LOOKS FORWARD TO MEET IN CHI

A Pfc. from Co. A, 39th is sounding off. It's William Barringer, 201 E. Summer St., Hillsboro, Ill. Bill is looking forward to having a big time in Chicago when July rolls around. He also has some mighty nice things to say about The Octofoil, the Memorial Fund Foundation and the Association in general.

Bill says he is of the opinion there are still thousands of former 9th men who never heard of the Association. By accident he learned that former Ninth men were striving to perpetuate the grandest ex-G. I. outfit in existence.

CHICAGO IN 1950

## LEROY CARPENTER WANTS TO HEAR FROM 47th LADS

Leroy E. Carpenter, from out yonder in Brookings, Ore., a former 47th Pfc., says in a recent letter: "I would enjoy so much hearing from any of the old gang from Co. E, 47th Regt."

The lad from the Far Northwest adds in his letter:

"I am living in my old hometown of Carpenterville, Ore. (But mail comes to Brookings, Ore.) Carpenterville is just a spot in the road on top of the mountain. I would like to have any of my buddies to look me up if they are ever on the Coast Highway 101 and go near Carpenterville. I am driving a logging truck and getting along just fine. I hope the same goes for all my old buddies."

CHICAGO IN 1950

Having a million dollars isn't so bad, except that it makes you so conspicuous.

CHICAGO IN 1950

Shape is what a bathing suit has after a beautiful girl puts it on.

## The Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Foundation

Established in Memory of Those Ninth Infantry Division Men who Sacrificed Their Lives in the Service of Their Country.

The purposes of the Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Foundation Are:

1. To establish scholarships for award to worthy candidates in under-graduate studies.
2. To provide grants for post-graduate studies in research and medicine.
3. To provide grants for purchase of essential and recreational equipment for use in Veterans' Hospitals.

All funds for the operation of the foundation are to be obtained by voluntary contributions from members, chapters, and private individuals.

Please send in your contribution now. Fill in the following form and mail it with your remittance.

"I desire to contribute to the Ninth Infantry Division Memorial Foundation. Please find enclosed the sum of \$....."

Name.....

Address.....

IMPORTANT . . . All contributions are tax deductible. You may deduct your contribution in preparing your income tax return.

## Special Offering

A large map showing the routes taken by the Ninth Infantry Division in all of its campaigns, through Africa, Sicily, England, France, Belgium and Germany.

Size 18" by 22½", suitable for framing.

This map was on display at the Pittsburgh Convention and several members signified their desire to have a copy so arrangements were made to have it reproduced and it is now available. Everyone desiring to obtain a copy of this map, please write in to the National Secretary, Postoffice Box 1704, Washington 13, D. C., enclosing only one dollar to cover costs and mailing charges. The map will be mailed in a "mailing tube" to prevent folding.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.